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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 7-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gherson et al. (European patent No. 796,658).

Gherson et al. disclose a device comprising a dispensing chamber having a first portion 14 containing a fluid material; a fluid material conduit 22 having a first end in communication with the first portion of the dispensing chamber and a second open end; a piston 36 positioned between the first and second portions of the dispensing chamber; and a vacuum conduit 24 having a first end in communication with the second portion of the dispensing chamber and a second open end.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster (United States Patent No. 844,445).

Foster discloses a device comprising a dispensing chamber 10 having a first portion containing a fluid material; a fluid material conduit having a first end in communication with the first portion of the dispensing chamber and a second open end; a piston 11 positioned between the first and second portions of the dispensing chamber; and a vacuum conduit having a first end in communication with the second portion of the dispensing chamber and a second open end (see figures 1-3). Regarding claims 4-6, the dispensing chamber contains kerosene which is used to

fill a lamp and thus is a "filler material". Kerosene also can be used for cleaning and disinfecting and thus would constitute both a cleaning fluid and a sterilizing fluid.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster.

Foster discloses the invention essentially as claimed except for the sealing surface proximate the open ends of the vacuum and fluid material conduits. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide a sealing surface proximate the open ends of the conduits of the device of Foster in order to prevent the escape of fumes while filling the lamp, such as is commonly found on gas pump nozzles.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-17 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Todd E. Manahan whose telephone number is 571 272- 4713. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571 273-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

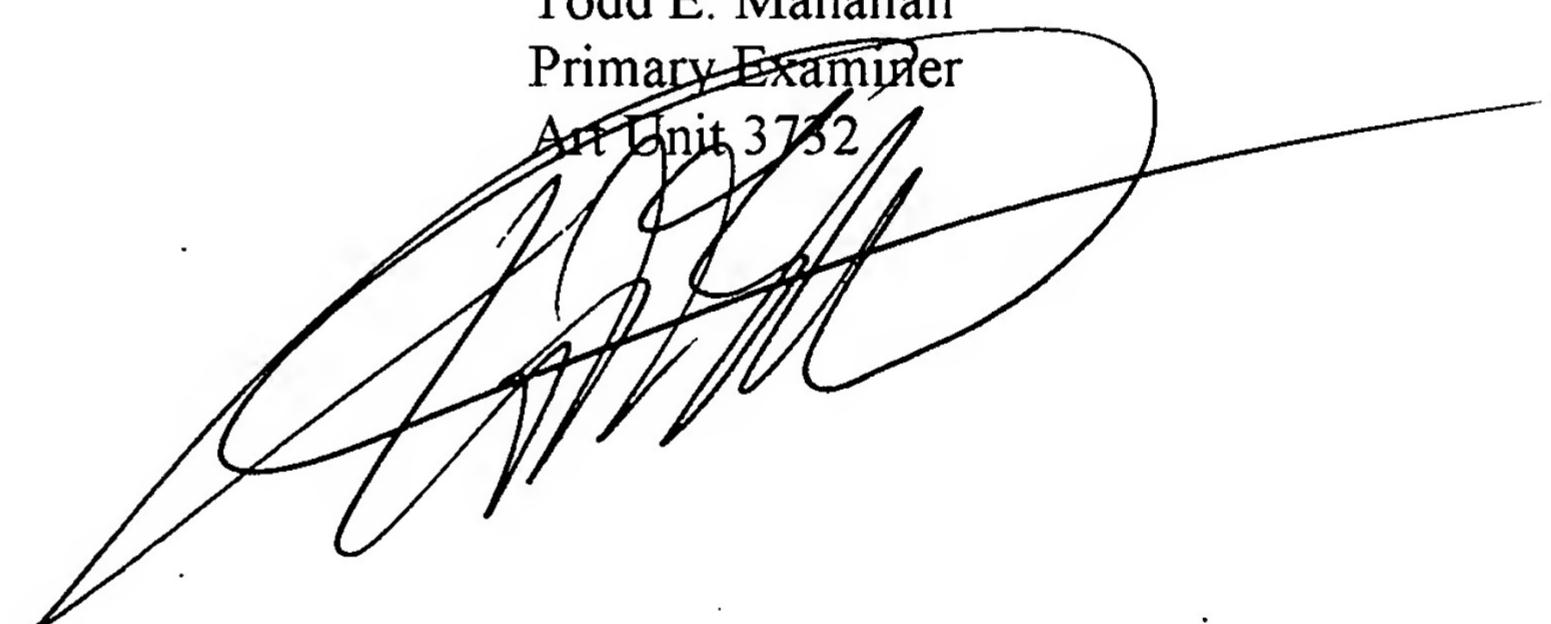
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Todd E. Manahan

Primary Examiner

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T.E. Manahan
2 March 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TODD E. MANAHAN", is written over a large, roughly oval-shaped redaction mark. The redaction mark covers the majority of the page below the signature line.